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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE AGREED JOINT COMMUNIQUE
TO BE ISSUED AT 6 P.M. MOSCOW TIME AND 10 A.M. WASHINGTON
TIME MARCH 31, 1977:

BEGIN TEXT

ON MARCH 28-30, 1977, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, L. I. BREZHNEV AND
MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, A. A. GROMYKO, HELD TALKS WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CYRUS R. VANCE, WHO WAS IN
MOSCOW ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, AS WELL AS CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FOR THE US AND THE USSR.

CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS OCCUPIED THE CENTRAL PLACE IN THE TALKS. THE SIDES HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE THE CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES.

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ALSO TOOK PLACE ON A NUMBER OF OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS AND DISARMAMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT BILATERAL CONTACTS, INCLUDING MEETINGS OF EXPERTS, WOULD BE HELD TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS.

THE DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDED THE BELGRADE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, AND THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1971. SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR, AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS ESSENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED TO HOLD, IN THE FIRST HALF OF MAY 1977, IN GENEVA, A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE US AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFAIRS OF THE USSR FOR A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF RESUMING THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS IN MOSCOW WILL BE REVIEWED AT THAT TIME.

THE CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS PRODUCED SEVERAL SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDINGS. VANCE UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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